

Letter from William V. Alexander to Alexander Graham Bell, April 10, 1902

The Ladies Home Journal Philadelphia Edited by Edward Book April 10, 1902. Dear Sir:

Among the pictures which Miss Helen Keller sent to us for possible use in illustrating her story of her life, which we are now publishing, there are two small prints taken in or near Halifax in the summer of 1901, showing her standing beside you, in the act of flying a kite. On receiving these pictures, I was particular to write on the back of both of them: "Not to be used without the consent of Doctor Bell"; for, although Miss Sullivan seemed to think that you probably would have no objection, neither she nor I would wish to do anything whatever which would be in any degree distasteful to you. But it would, we are sure, add to the interest of some one of the pages in her story if one of these pictures might be reproduced; and my object in writing to you to-day is to ascertain if we may have your consent to such use. The picture is quite a small one, which fact, of itself, may remove some objections which might otherwise arise in your mind.

Hoping for a favorable answer, and thanking you now for any courtesy you may see fit to grant us in the interest of both Miss Keller and The Journal, I am,

Very truly yours, Wm V. Alexander, Managing Editor. Doctor Graham Bell.